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SUBJECT: ECLA: MTN RESOLUTION

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1. FOLLOWING RESOLUTION ON ECLA PARTICIPATION IN LATIN AMERICAN
PREPARATION FOR MTN APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY ECLA COMMISSION IN
PLENARY SESSION, FRIDAY MORNING MARCH 30. US DELEGATE' S STATE-
MENT EXPLAINING VOTE TO BE REPORTED SEPTTEL.

BEGIN QUOTE:

PREPARATION OF LATIN AMERICA FOR THE 1973 MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE,
COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CUBA, ECUADOR, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA,
GUYANA, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, MEXICO, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY,
PERU, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, URUGUAY AND VENEZUELA
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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,

BEARING IN MIND THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF GATT HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO CARRY OUT A GENERAL REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND, BEGINNING IN 1973, TO CONDUCT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF GATT THE MOST AMBITIOUS AND COMPREHENSIVE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THE WAR, WHICH ARE TO COVER ALL THE ASPECTS OF TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS AND TO DEVOTE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE SPECIAL MODALITIES OF THEIR PARTICIPATION,

BEARING ALSO IN MIND THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE SHOWN AN INTEREST IN THESE INITIATIVES AND HAVE INDICATED THAT THEIR ASSOCIATION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL NECESSARILY DEPEND UPON THE ADOPTION OF TECHNIQUES AND MODALITIES DEVISED WITH THEIR FULL PARTICIPATION WHICH TAKE ACCOUNT OF THEIR INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS,

RECALLING RESOLUTION 82 (III) ON MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION AT THE THIRD SESSION OF UNCTAD AND RESOLUTIONS 3040 (XXVII) AND 3041 (XXVII) (#) ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS TWENTY- SEVENTH SESSION,

RECALLING ALSO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1722 (LIII), WHICH INVITED THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS TO CO- OPERATE FULLY WITH THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES IN ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF THAT RESOLUTION,

RECALLING THE FACT THAT, AT THE TWENTY- EIGHTH SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES OF GATT, IT WAS AGREED INTER ALIA THAT THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE AIMED AT SECURING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THAT A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVISING METHODS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO A MINISTERIAL MEETING OF GATT TO BE CONVENED IN SEPTEMBER 1973,

CONSIDERING THE ASSISTANCE WHICH THE SECRETARIATS OF ECLA, UNCTAD, GATT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN GIVING TO LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS IN THE FIELD OF TRADE POLICY AND THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEED TO ENSURE THEIR FULLEST COLLABORATION IN PREPARING THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPARATORY STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS,

TAKING NOTE OF ECLA' S PARTICIPATION AS A REGIONAL CO- OPERATION ORGANIZATION IN THE PROGRAMME RELATING TO CO- OPERATION WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN RESPECT OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (ECLA/ UNCTAD/ UNDP PROJECT RLA/72/098), WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION IN NOVEMBER 1972,

RECOGNIZING THE ADVISABILITY OF STRENGTHENING ACTION DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE TECHNICAL PREPARATION OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITH THE COLLABORATION OF THE COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES,

1. REQUESTS THE ECLA SECRETARIAT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS, AT THEIR REQUEST, FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO THAT END, TO ACCELERATE AND STRENGTHEN ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNCTAD/ UNDP PROJECT CONCERNING CO- OPERATION WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF TRADE POLICY RELATED TO THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS,
2. RECOMMENDS THAT THE ECLA SECRETARIAT SHOULD ACCORD THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND URGENCY TO STUDIES AND WORK RELATING TO THE ABOVE- MENTIONED PROJECT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WHATEVER UNCTAD AND GATT STUDIES MAY BE AVAILABLE, AND REQUESTS IT TO CONVEY TO THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT, THE GATT SECRETARIAT, AND THE FAO SECRETARIAT THE APPRECIATION OF THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRO#-...3,

3. TAKING NOTE OF THE IMPORTANCE REPEATEDLY ATTRIBUTED BY THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, TO:

(I) THE ADOPTION, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF GATT, OF MEASURES WHICH WILL ENSURE THE FULL, EFFECTIVE AND CONTINUOUS PARTICIPATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE MEMBERS OF GATT IN ALL PHASES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS SO THAT THEIR INTERESTS WILL BE DULY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WITHOUT PREJUDICES TO THE FUTURE ACCESSION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NON- MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT,

(II) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNIQUES, MODALITIES AND BASIC RULES OF NEGOTIATION WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT PARTICULAR ATTENTION
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WILL BE ACCORDED TO THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT ALL STAGES,

(III) THE APPLICATION IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OF MEASURES AND ACTION AIMED AT PROMOTING AND DIVERSIFYING THE EXPORTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, THE BROADENING AND IMPROVEMENT OF GENERALIZED SYSTEMS OF PREFERENCES, THE CONCLUSION OF INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS AND THE REMOVAL OF TRADE BARRIERS WHICH HAMPER OR RESTRICT ACCESS TO THE MARKETS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR PRODUCTS OF SPECIAL INTERESTS TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

(IV) THE ACCEPTANCE BY ALL THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE GATT NEGOTIATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3040 (XXVII),

(V) THE DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES OF GATT AT ITS

TWENTY- EIGHTH SESSION THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE AIMED AT SECURING ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGES FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SO THAT THEY CAN SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS, DIVERSIFY THEIR EXPORTS AND ACCELERATE THE RATE OF GROWTH OF THEIR TRADE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND THE URGENCY OF CONTINUING EFFORTS TO INCORPORATE OTHER FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES SUCH AS, INTER ALIA, GREATER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CONDITIONS FOR ACCESS TO THE MARKETS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES OF THE EXPORTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF PRICE POLICY,

4. RECOMMENDS TO THE GOVERNMENTS MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION THAT THEY SUPPORT, IN THE APPROPRIATE FORUMS, TO THE EFFORTS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO PERFECT THEIR TECHNICAL PREPARATION AND TO WORK OUT RULES, TECHNIQUES AND MODALITIES FOR NEGOTIATION WHICH WILL BE SUITABLE TO THEIR PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS,

5. INVITES UNDP, IN ADDITION TO THE CONTRIBUTION IT IS MAKING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT RLA/72/098 ON THE CURRENT TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, TO CONSIDER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PROCEDURES, PROVIDING THE NECESSARY RESOURCES IN ORDER TO:

(A) MAKE POSSIBLE THE HOLDING OF THE GATT COURSE FOR LATIN AMERICAN OFFICIALS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE/ JULY 1973, AND

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(C) FINANCE, AS PROVIDED IN THE APPROVED PLAN OF OPERATIONS, THE SECOND STAGE OF THE ABOVE PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

6. RECOMMENDS THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO APPROACH UNDP THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE CHANNELS, WITH A VIEW TO SECURING THOSE RESOURCES.

(#) THE DELEGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UK STATED THAT THEY HAD VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION 3040 (XXVII) AND THAT THE US AND UK HAD ABSTAINED ON RESOLUTION 3041 (XXVII).

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